

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 26-33, as follows:

---Polymers that may be conveniently employed in the compositions of the present invention include natural or synthetic rubbers, e.g. optionally hydrogenated, linear or branched (e.g. radial) block ~~copolymers~~ copolymers of styrene and a conjugated diene (e.g. butadiene or isoprene); and thermoplastic polymers (plastomers) such as polypropylene, ethylene vinyl-acetate copolymers, polyvinyl chloride and polystyrene.---